

IT IS DESIRED TO CLAIM AND SECURE BY LETTERS PATENT:

(Amended) A workpiece surface-gripping device joinable adjacent the outer end of an

elongate, ribbon-like and generally nominally planar linear measuring tape comprising

a gripper body having a generally planar body expanse in the form generally of a

5 closed plane with perimeter structure which generally circumsurrounds said body expanse, said perimeter structure being formed with a row of plural, spaced, perimeter-distributed, workpiece surface-gripping projection elements which project from the plane of the body expanse toward the direction of a joined measuring tape, said projection elements being adapted to contact and grip the far surface of a workpiece having a dimension which is being measured relative to that surface,

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mounting structure joined to said body expanse, and accommodating mounting of the device on such a tape at a location adjacent the tape's outer end, and in such a manner that different workpiece surface-gripping projection elements that are present in said row in said perimeter structure are operatively located on, and in spaced relation to, opposite sides of the

15 tape's nominal plane, and with said elements generally extending toward the tape.

2. The device of claim 1, wherein said body expanse is generally circular, said perimeter structure is generally annular, and said projection elements are tooth-like in configuration.

4. The device of claim 1 which is for use as a freely attachable object in relation to a conventional measuring-tape outer end structure of the kind having a lateral projection which extends one-sidedly, laterally and generally outwardly in a plane which is disposed at an angle relative to the plane of the tape per se, and said mounting structure takes the form of a snap-capture arrangement adapted to receive, and generally lock into a defined relative fixed positional relationship with respect to, such a projection.

5. The device of claim 4, wherein said snap-capture arrangement takes the form of a displaced ribbon portion of said body expanse, which cooperates with other parts of the body, forms a channel designed to receive such a tape's outer end's lateral projection.

6. The device of claim 4 which is characterized, as well, by free selective detachability to such a tape's outer end's lateral projection.

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12. (Amended) A workpiece surface-gripping device removably joinable selectively adjacent the outer end of an elongate, ribbon-like, and generally planar linear measuring tape said device comprising

5 a generally planar gripper body which has the form of a closed plane having a perimeter formed with plural , spaced, linearly-distributed, workpiece surface-gripping projection elements and

10 snap-fit mounting structure joined to said body and adapted for fitting of the device onto such a tape, with the plane of the gripper body substantially paralleling the plane of the tape-end projection, and with said projection elements generally extending from the plane of the gripper body toward such tape.

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13. (Amended) A tape-measuring device comprising
an elongate, ribbon-like and generally nominally planar measuring tape having an exposed
free end, and
a workpiece surface-gripping device joined to said tape adjacent the tape's said free end,
5 said surface-gripping device including
a gripper body having a generally planar body expanse in the form of a closed plane with
perimeter structure which generally circumsurrounds said body expanse, said perimeter structure
being formed with a row of plural, spaced, perimeter-distributed workpiece surface-gripping
projection elements which project from the plane of the body expanse toward an attached
10 measuring tape, and
mounting structure joined to said body expanse, and directly mounting said surface-
gripping device on said tape's free end in such a manner that different workpiece surface-gripping
elements that are present in said perimeter structure are operatively located on, and in spaced
relation to, opposite sides of the tape's nominal plane, with these elements generally extending
15 toward said tape.
